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SUBJECT: FCO APPROACH ON ROUND 4 OF COCOM LIST REVIEW

1. ECON/COMMERCIAL MINISTER CALLED ON FCO ASSISTANT UNDER SECRETARY NORMAN STATHAM AUGUST 5 AT LATTER'S REQUEST. STATHAM SUMMARIZED UK DISSATISFACTION WITH PROGRESS THUS FAR OF 1974 COCOM LIST REVIEW, EXPECIALLY IN VIEW OF WHAT APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN IMPROVED INTERNATIONAL ATMOSPHERE IN COMPARISON WITH 1968 AND 1971. HE NOTED THAT US DELEGATION "HAS NOT PLAYED FULL AND CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE" IN NEGOTIATIONS DUE TO LACK OF INSTRUCTIONS AND ABSENCE OF EXPERT ADVICE AT PARIS. STATHAM URGED THAT US PREPARE ITS POSITION SO AS TO CONCLUDE REVIEW SUCCESSFULLY IN ROUND 4 BEGINNING, IF UK PREFERENCE IS FOLLOWED, OCTOBER 13. HE SAID UKG WOULD APPRECIATE ANY ADVANCE INFORMATION ON SUBSTANCE OF US POSITIONS WHICH MAY BE POSSIBLE BY MID SEPTEMBER, OFFERED TO SEND EXPERTS TO WASHINGTON IN ADVANCE OF ROUND 4 IF THIS WOULD BE HELPFUL, AND RAISED QUESTION WHETHER BILATERAL TALKS MIGHT BE IN ORDER.

2. IN SEPARATE POINT, STATHAM URGED US CONFIRMATION OF AD REFERENDUM AGREEMENT ON VIBRATION TEST EQUIPMENT (IL 1362), WHICH HE CHARACTERIZED AS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE
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TO BRITISH INDUSTRY.

3. STATHAM ALSO GAVE US COPY OF MAY 12 AIDE MEMOIRE
SUBMITTED BY BRITISH EMBASSY WASHINGTON AND SAID BRITISH
CHARGQ RECENTLY DISCUSSED LIST REVIEW WITH UNDER
SECRETARY ROBINSON, STRESSING NEED FOR SUCCESSFUL CON-
CLUSION OF ROUND 4.

4. COMMENT: OBVIOUSLY HMG IS ATTEMPTING TO COVER ALL
BASES IN PUSH TO CONCLUDE NEGOTIATIONS. EMBASSY WOULD
APPRECIATE ANY REACTION OR GUIDANCE PERTINENT TO POINTS
RAISED BY FCO.

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